

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DON RYAN**, on December 14, 2005 at 10:30 A.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Don Ryan, Chairman (D)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Jeff Mangan (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Connie Erickson, Legislative Branch
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 1, 12/12/2005
Executive Action: SB 1

00:00:08

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by **SEN. DON RYAN, CHAIR**, at 10:30 a.m. Roll call was noted; all Committee members were present.
(ATTACHMENT #1)

00:03:13

HEARING ON SB 1

00:03:27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. DON RYAN (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on **SB 1**, Governor's school funding proposal.

00:20:32

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:40

Jan Lombardi, Policy Advisor, Office of The Honorable Governor Brian Schweitzer, provided written comments in support of SB 1.

EXHIBIT(eds01a01)

00:29:51

Linda McCulloch, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Office of Public Instruction, provided written comments in support of SB 1.

EXHIBIT(eds01a02)

EXHIBIT(eds01a03)

00:42:22

George Dennison, President, University of Montana

00:43:33

Zach Stetzner, Senior, Anaconda High School

00:44:48

Kaylyn Johnston, Senior, Anaconda High School

00:46:02

Lisa Laslovich, Eighth Grade Student, Anaconda

00:46:47

Korey Krumm, Eight Grade Student, Anaconda

00:47:35

Angela McLean, Teacher, Anaconda High School

00:48:27

Roger Barber, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

00:49:40

Jacquie Helt , President, AFL-CIO

00:50:12

Thomas Brown, Poplar Schools

00:52:38

Sheldon Bartel on behalf of Dick King, President, Montana Economic Development Association, provided written comments in support of SB 1.

EXHIBIT(eds01a04)

00:53:59 **Jeff Essmann, Senator, Senate District #28,**
 representing himself
00:57:01 **Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT**
00:58:48 **June Hermanson, Montana Youth Leadership For High**
 School Students With Disabilities
01:00:19 **Lynda Brannon, Indian Impact Schools of Montana**
 Ms. Brannon provided written testimony from Mary
 Johnson, Superintendent, Browning Public Schools,
 in support of SB 1.

EXHIBIT(eds01a05)

01:04:14 **Linda Gryczan , Montana Womens Lobby**
01:04:57 **Dan Miles, President, Montana Workforce Investment**
 Board
01:08:08 **Craig Doherty, President, American Indian**
 Educational Development Center
01:10:28 **Stan Juneau, Board of Trustees, Browning Public**
 Schools
01:11:55 **Sherlynn Stewart, Montana Parent Teacher**
 Association

1:12:34

Opponents' Testimony:

01:12:50 **Dave Shreeve, Superintendent, Forsyth Public**
 Schools
01:16:41 **Glen Monson, Superintendent, Saco Public Schools**
01:19:55 **John Cobb, Senator, Senate District #9, provided**
 proposed amendments to SB 1

EXHIBIT(eds01a06)

01:22:10 **Darrel Rudd, Executive Director, School**
 Administrators of Montana (SAM)
01:24:38 **Bruce Messinger, Superintendent, Helena Public**
 Schools

01:28:01

Informational Testimony:

01:28:08 **Jack Copps, Executive Director, Montana Quality**
 Education Coalition (MQEC), provided written
 comments.

EXHIBIT(eds01a07)

01:30:46 **Kurt Dyer, President, Montana School Board
Association (MSBA)**
01:32:26 **Steve Gettel, Montana School of the Deaf and
Blind, Great Falls**

01:35:25

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:35:41 **SEN. JEFF MANGAN, SENATE DISTRICT #12, for Ms.
Lombardi** regarding the Governor's position on
Superintendent McCulloch's amendments.

01:36:42 **SEN. MANGAN** for **Joe Lamson, OPI**, regarding the
achievement gaps in Indian Education For All.

01:38:01 **SEN. ROBERT STORY, SENATE DISTRICT #30** for **Ms.
Lombardi** regarding the calculation for the quality
education component of SB 1 and whether those
components were taken from the work of the Quality
Schools Interim Committee.

01:41:32 **SEN. STORY** for **Ms. Brannon** regarding the
definition of "e rate".

01:43:46 **SEN. STORY** for **Andy Holmlund, Superintendent,
Ronan Public Schools**, regarding the definition of
"e rate".

01:45:44 **SEN. GREGORY BARKUS, SENATE DISTRICT #4** for **SEN.
RYAN** regarding the ratio and definition of
"quality educator" and questioned the Indian
education achievement gap.

01:49:28 **SEN. BARKUS** asked **SEN. RYAN** if SB 1 would nullify
the MQEC lawsuit.

01:51:13 **SEN. KIM GILLAN, SENATE DISTRICT #24** for **Ms.
Lombardi** regarding the effects that SB 1 would
have on local property taxes.

01:53:05 **SEN. GILLAN** asked **Ms. Lombardi** to comment on the
statement that the teacher/student ratio should
not be used for school funding purposes.

01:55:48 **SEN. GILLAN** for **Ms. Lombardi** regarding the distribution of money provided for at-risk students.

01:56:49 **SEN. STORY** asked **Superintendent McCulloch** for information about the Indian at-risk ratio of SB 1.

01:58:46 **SEN. STORY** for **Superintendent McCulloch** regarding the determination of how to identify Native American students in schools.

02:00:40 **SEN. BARKUS** for **Superintendent McCulloch** regarding the definition of "quality educator".

02:01:36 **SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, SENATE DISTRICT #7** for **Superintendent McCulloch** regarding the funding source for her proposed amendments and whether interest and income would increase.

02:08:06 **SEN. MANGAN** for **Superintendent McCulloch** regarding OPI's increased funding proposal for teachers and what it would do to recruit and retain teachers.

02:11:40 **SEN. STORY** asked **BJ Granbery, Director of Title I Funding, OPI**, several questions about the number of students that would qualify for the proposed at-risk funding.

02:19:24 **SEN. STORY** asked **Mr. Feaver** about MEA-MFT's ongoing health care proposal.

02:20:41 **SEN. STORY** asked **Ms. Lombardi** several questions about whether SB 1 would identify the number of Native American students in Montana schools.

02:24:58 **SEN. JERRY BLACK, Senate District 14**, asked **Superintendent McCulloch** about the rationale for OPI's proposed amendments.

02:26:48

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Ryan reiterated the components of SB 1 and addressed many of the questions previously asked by Committee members.

02:41:09

The Committee recessed until 1:45 p.m. and will reconvene for Executive Action on SB 1 upon adjournment on the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:50 P.M.

SEN. DON RYAN, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([eds01aad0.PDF](#))